

Nevil Payn's
LETTER,

And some Other

LETTERS

That concern the

Subject of his **LETTER.**

With **SHORT** NOTES on them ;

For the Clearer Information of the Members
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In Order to *Nevil Payn's* Tryal.

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THE following Letters are mark'd by the Alphabet for Distinctions sake. The Letter A had enclosed in it the Letters B and C. The Secretary produced in Parliament the Original Letter C, but not the Originals of A and B, having left them at *London*, but now he has got them. The Letter A with the other two in it were taken at, or going from *London* to *France*, by the way of *Holland*; it was directed to Monsieur *Vincent Nerieux* Merchant in *Rotterdam*, with these words under, *Mrs. van den Anchore*. It is known that this is an ordinary Direction for such sort of Letters from *London* to *Paris*, which

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seem

seem to be the usual Conveyance for *Scots* Letters too. As appears by the Duke of *Gordon* and *Dr. Cockburn's* Papers now in the Advocate's hands.

A.

It's plain enough, that this Letter was written from *London*.

(a) *Payn*.

(b) *Melfori's* Letter to *Payn* was delivered by *Mr. James Smith*, Son to *Mrs. Smith*.

I Have had none from you since the 5th. of this Instant, your stile; so that my (a) *Friend* grows very impatient; but I have sent your last with that of (b) *David's*, and by this time I suppose he is satisfied; for I am informed all mine came safe to him. But I have sent you his to let you see what he says in his Phanatick Humour, for I know he is troubled he has no Answers for his Friends here, that write to him constantly by me; and I am assured they take it very ill, and think him or me in fault that sent them. Therefore I earnestly beg of you to sollicite
David

(3)

David to say something, for they are good Friends of your (c) Brothers, and not to be slighted. My old (d) Countess also writ you her self, but I never heard whether you received it, and every week I have her duty to your Brother and (e) Sister, and Service to you; and always says, she lives no longer than she hears your good Family is in Health; and I am indeed very much concerned lest I hear you are ill since your last, in which you assure of the pain in your head, which grieves me to the heart: For I prefer it before my own. Therefore for God's sake let me have the satisfaction of hearing from you as often as you can: I have not failed a Post since my Friend went, and all double. I have very little News, but (f) one

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thing

(c) The late King.

(d) Who she is, is no Mystery.

(e) Queen.

(f) This Paragraph, and the enclosed Letters, show the time in which this Letter was written, tho it be not dated.

thing I cannot omit to tell you, that one *Payn* a mad *Jacobite*, is removed to the Castle of *Stirling*, and that the Lord *Seaforth* is to be tried for his life, and many more such as these are likely to have their due reward. As to our Parliament, *Seymore* made a Speech, and told them of the House, That the *French* was making great Preparation, which must be provided against, both with a Fleet and Money; but this is thought was only to press for raising Money; so that I think, to comfort you, we have no

(*l*) Because the Fleet only, and not Money alone, could hinder a Descent in Scotland.

(*m*) That is the Letter C, which is from the Nephew Mr. *Payn*, whose Letter is to his Aunt too.

(*n*) It appears elsewhere who Mrs. *Mowet* is, and that it is a man, and no mean man.

(*o*) That is, in Prison; see the beginning of the Letter C.

(*l*) fears of that. Dear

Aunt I have sent you (*m*) one of Nephews, and beg you to do what you can for one in his Circumstances; for I cannot chuse but love him.

I am told that Mrs. (*n*)

Mowet cannot be long out of the (*o*) Doctor's hands, so very

very ill she is. But more of this from my (p) *Friend* that I hope will be here ere this come to your hands, if his health will permit; so that if you write, yours will meet him in Town, if it please God, to whom I resign all my Friends and Affairs: I was to see for Answer of Mr. *Lke* for whom I left the Letter of Money Business, to get Answer, but could not light of him, but he had your Letter, but I will by the next Post; Pardon this long Scroll, and give me leave to continue my humble Thanks, and be honoured with the Title of, Madam, your most Grateful, Humble Servant, (q) *Mary B.*

(p) That is one under the Name of *Gray* the Writer of the Letter B, and of the Letter D and E, apparently an *English-man*.

(q) That is *Mary Brown*, as will appear by the Cover to the Letters D and E.

There is found among Mrs. *Smith's* Papers, a Letter dated the 4th of *February*, the Direction of it is torn, but so much remains — Son to the — *Robert Jameson* in *Edinburgh*. It is written by the same Hand with the Letter A, and Signed.

Signed *M. B.* instead of *Mary B.* It is plain, that this *M. B.* is at *London*, and manages the Correspondence betwixt Aunt at *Paris*, and Nephew *Payn* here, with the assistance of *Mrs. Smith.* The Letter is thus; the Blanks are Words that cannot be read.

Loving Mother, *Feb. 4.*

I Have this day by a Honest fast Friend sent you 50 Drams of the best Balm of *Gilead* that I could get, you will certainly have it, do not you trouble your self for a day, I have taken care you should have no trouble, for God's sake say what you can to my Sick Friend for me, for I am so oppressed that I cannot write to her, but pray let her send me a Note under her hand at the Receipt of her Present, and then I shall have as much more when is satisfied, but the Note must

must be made to me, for I had Orders; this is desired, and pray let her thank Mr. *Friend* which said little of it to me, but my Aunt assured me he did so much in it to my Aunt's Brother and *David*, that they could refuse no longer, for he was very plain with them, and I find is so in all their Affairs, which I think is Just. I saw one that came from my Aunt's Brother this Week, but I hear nothing of my poor Brother, which distracts me, but they are all well and in good heart, but no more; but to his Business, I hear sad News of Sick

(a) *Friend*, that the Doctors say she must change the Air, I wonder you say nothing of it, since Lady *L.* tells all: Pray let me know the

let not Mr. *L.* know I tell you

Pray let me

(a) No doubt the late Archbishop of *Glasgow*, who being then Prisoner in the Castle of *Edinburg*, had leave from the King to retire to *Holland*.

me hear from you, by
which you will oblige your
Grateful Daughter and Obliged
Friend for ever whilst
M. B.

The back of this Letter being torn, there
appears only

— Son to the —
— Robert Jameson
in *Edinburgh*.

The Secretary was obliged at *London* to restore the Originals of the Letters *D* and *E*, of which he produced the Copies in Parliament; but when he had them, they appeared to him to be written by the same Hand with the Letter *B*, (of which he has the Original); And therefore by one under the Name of *Gray*, for so the Letter *D* is signed, it is evident by the Letters themselves that this *Gray* is an *Englishman*, and the Concerter and Manager of the whole Business; it seems he was lurking in the North of *England* when he wrote the Letters *B*, *D*, *E*, for they are dated the 4th and 25th of
De-

December, that is on *Sundays*, which is the day after the Post-day at *Edinburgh*, which is *Saturday*. It is evident by the Letter *B* that he was going into *Scotland*; and by the Letters *D* and *E* that he actually went to *Scotland*. It is otherwise known that an *English-man* of such a Character came to *Edinburgh* about the time here spoke of, and that he kept no mean Company there.

B.

December 4.

I Had yours this morning, with (a) one to Mr. Gray, I am strangely amazed I have none from your (b) Aunt, I cannot find the meaning on't, and never man had more need of Comfort than my self at this time; I have Letters from your (c) Mother

C

(a) That is, it seem s one to himself.

(b) It is plain the Letter has been written to *Mary Brown*.

(c) That is, Mrs. Smith, *Mary Brown's* loving Mother.

(d) *Macgill* my Lord *Melfort*'s Page confesses that he brought Letters from his Master to two Noblemen under the Name of *Balfour*: *Mrs. Ford* owns that she received the Letters from him, and delivered them to *Mrs. Smith* who absconds. It seems too otherwise clear enough who *Balfour* is, and that he and *Mrs. Mowet* are one.

(e) That is the News mentioned in the Letter A. and the putting in of the new Agents mentioned in the Letter C. to wit, the Advocate and Justice Clerk, which was done in the end of Mr. *Jonstoun*'s Month, a Week or two before the date of this Letter.

(f) That is *Scotland*, which shews he was then in the North of *England*.

ther and (d) *Balfour* which would strike (e) Terror into any man, but I'm resolv'd what will befall, to enter into that Cursed (f) Countrey, and put my luck to the last tryal. I do not know what can be the meaning of those I wish so well to teaze me at such a distance, it shall not break the Respect I have for those I'm obliged to. Your Friends favouring me at this distance, and so little Merit of mine, all Obligations being on that side, makes me the unhappiest man in the World, I only wish it were in my power, my Life should not be too dear a Sacrifice. You may assure your self I am ever your Servant, and you tell me you have not seen my Wife, nor heard from

from her Brother, 'tis no matter, I care not how few you see of my Acquaintance, and pray tell all I am still in (g) Town. Be sure you write to your and my (b) Complaint that she may be sensible how I resent not hearing from her, and that I do not altogether deserve ill usage after the Charges I have undergone, and the Hazards I have risk'd for their sakes; once more I am for ever yours.

(g) That is in *London*.

(b) That is their common Aunt at *Paris*.

C.

December 3. 1692.

(a) Payn writes to the same Aunt.

(b) That is, change his open Prison of *Blackness* for close Prison in *Stirling* Castle. The King had ordered this on the 14th of *November*. The Councils Order is on the 29th, and was given out on the 1st of *December*, two days before the date of this Letter, he was actually sent to *Stirling* on the 6th.

(c) He had been close Prisoner before in *Edinburg* Castle.

(d) This Name is in several other Letters.

I Am forced in ill for want of better Paper (a) dearest Aunt to let you know that I am obliged to Change (b) my bad Lodging for worse, being relapsed into my old (c) Distemper again, my Physicians being resolved not to let any Breathing visit me till it please God to restore me to my perfect Health, they alledging that my keeping too much Company doth great mischief. All my Consolation in this miserable Condition is, that Mrs. (d) Friend is just come into

into the Neighbourhood ;
 and though I fear I shall
 not be so happy to see
 her, yet my Dearest Cous-
 in, I doubt not, will do
 it Speedily : For so it is
 contrived to be by my dear
 and diligent Friend's Ne-
 gotiation, who is the very
 Life and Vigour of all your
 (e) Brother's Affairs here,
 and the prop of his Family,
 running, going, and spend-
 ing her self to the last penny
 in his Service. And but for
 her's in the first place, and
 Mrs. Mowat's in the second,
 your poor (f) Nephew might
 have perisht long ere this for
 mere (g) want, to no great
 Credit no more than Advan-
 tage of your Brother ; for tho
 he may have many more a-
 ble, he has not a faithfuller
 Servant in the World. Oh
 (b) God ! how can he be so
 despi-

(e) The late King.

(f) He himself, for he writes
 to his Aunt.

(g) It's known they neglect-
 ed to send him money.

(b) His Phanatick Humour,
 in Letter A.

despised amongst his Relations, when their Enemies consider him so much, and all their honest Acquaintance that knew him, have some esteem at least for him. This is all I will, and less I cannot say, for all the strange regardless usage he has met withal from (i) *David*; and let it stand as it doth, since Mrs. *Mowat* (k) *Wrights* me word she and (l) *him* begin to understand one another better, and are like to be perfect Friends, which for your Brother's sake I hope will continue real on that side, as I am sure it is on this. She and (m) *Littlejohn* has had a meeting too, where all things have been so explained between them, that I hope will produce a lasting Concurrence in diligence for your Brother's Service, to which
sole

(i) It's known that in the late Reign *Melfort* was his Enemy.

(k) This word is thus spelled in other Papers of *Payn's* Hand-writing, lately seized in his Chamber.

(l) Mrs. *Mowet* and *Melfort* begin to be reconciled, and so *Payn* hopes to be reconciled with *Melfort* too. It's plain *Mowet* is a man, and a man of Note.

(m) *Mowet* and *Little-John* here, are *Balfour* and *Little-John* in Letters D. E. and their reconciliation there as here, is the foundation of all. Its known who among the disaffected Party were reconciled this last Winter.

sole end all my Endeavours therein have tended; and now I assure you (n) all things here are in perfect order for bringing on the (o) Trial, as speedily as your Brother pleases, and the sooner the better I am sure, for his (p) *Adversary* is very diligent in searching out new *Agents*, that are like to be more able and faithful to him, than those he has hitherto employed; and I assure you succeeds extremely in his design, and has in a manner united all the (q) *Mechanicks*, by this means to be entirely his, so the Cause may grow worse, but cannot mend by delay of the Trial. And as (r) for Compositions and Bargains with particulars, it is of little or no importance, since mens several Interests and Designs are so different, that they are impossible

(n) See in Letter E. I thank God, &c.

(o) That is the Invasion, see trade Letter E.

(p) The King. The Commissions for the new Advocate and Justice Clerk were signed on the 28th. of November, that is six days before the date of this Letter.

(q) *Presbyterians*. It's known that by the Changes made in the Spring before, they were somewhat cooled in their zeal, which this new change revived again.

(r) It seems he is answering Letters.

(*r*) Restoration.

(*t*) The known Cant for a Declaration.

(*u*) To close Prison, and so have no more an opportunity to tamper.

(*x*) The Word *Sole* for *Soul* is written so too in the Papers that were seized in his Chamber.

(*y*) The late King, Queen, and Melfort.

(*z*) No doubt Mrs. *Smith*, who has all along taken care of him, and is an active stirring Woman.

possible to be reconciled before the (*s*) *Cause* be ended, and he walk the Exchange again. In the mean time care must be had that his (*t*) Letters of *Attorney* be fairly and fully drawn, as methinks is easy to be done; and I would have sent a Draught as I told you in my last, but that I cannot with all my Diligence procure a Copy of the last to make a true Judgment why it is so universally cried out upon by those of the Creditors have seen it. But now I must to (*u*) *Bed*, and mind no more Business perhaps while I live, but yet cannot die an honest man, if I do not with all the Earnestness of my (*x*) *Sole* recommend to your (*y*) *Brother*, (*y*) *Sister*, (*y*) and *David*, the diligent (*z*) *Gentlewoman*

I mentioned before, as the most useful Person beyond all Comparison of any Body they have here.

(a) This Mrs. *Mowat Littlejohn* the sick Minister, and Nurses Friend, nay, all our Relations here, not only continually allow, but by daily Proofs will testify. This makes me beg, that since there is the (b) Clerk of the Town she (c) lives in is newly dead, the Place may be procured for her (d) Husband or (e) Son, (f) a Line from your Brother doth it, and I am very sure it is impossible for him to employ his Pen more (g) deservedly; the Motion I assure you comes not in the least from her, she being the most disinterest Creature breathing, but was of her own accord proposed by Mrs. *Mowat*, who also said she would write to secure the Favour for fear of some-

out: The Letter then was to come to those who could influence the new intended Magistracy. (g) The Town-Clerk's Place is one of the most beneficial Places in the Kingdom, and is during Life.

(a) The four Persons mentioned may well be supposed to be two Noblemen with the late Archbilhop of *Glasgow*, and a Lord the known Friend and Correspondent of the Nurse, that is, of the Countess of *Errol*, now Governess to to the pretended Prince of *Wales* at *Paris*.

(b) That is, Sir *James Rochie*, Town-Clerk of *Edinburgh*, who died about a week before the Date of this Letter.

(c) Mrs. *Smith* lives in *Edinburgh*.

(d) Mr. *Patrick Smith* Advocate, who absconded.

(e) Mr. *James Smith* her Son.

(f) It appears not to whom the late K. *James* was to write, but the Magistracy only can put in the Clerk. The standing Magistracy was then under Process, and in a few days after thrown

(*b*) It is evident the late King's Friends here were in Factions amongst themselves about the disposing of the Clerk's Place, and that *Payne* finding his Party not strong enough to carry it for his Friend, would have Assistance from *France*, and would have it early, lest some other Pretenders should worst him there also.

(*i*) That is, the late Queen, see incomparable Lady, in Letter E.

(*k*) It's known that in the late Reign the Queen reckoned her self obliged to *Payne*, and protected him. (*l*) *Melfort* and the Countess of *Errol*.

bodies (*b*) interposing between your Brother and *David*, to prevent so just a Request in her behalf as this is. For God's sake propose it earnestly in Mrs. *Mowet*'s and my Name, to your Brother and *David*, and interest too therein your (*i*) excellent Sister, and if ever I was so happy to do or endeavour any thing was (*k*) acceptable to her, may her Memory thereof plead for me in this Request. Dear Aunt, lay all nice or timorous Reserves by, and press it home as an honest Matter, and the most earnest Desire of your dutiful Nephew. Adieu. My Service to L. *David*, and L. *Nurse*, join her in the matter I beseech you for her Friends sake and mine.

It's plain that the Letter C. is written by Mr. *Payne*, by the Declarations of those that know his Hand-writing, of which some have seen him write, and by comparing it with other Letters and Papers written and signed by his own Hand, nor does he deny it in private to his Friends.

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To show that *Payne* is capable of the Folly of writing such a Letter, it can be proved by the Persons Oaths to whom he spoke, and who told it at the time, that on the 5th of *December*, which was two days after the Date of his Letter, he said to one whose Office as well as his Allegiance, obliged him to a Discovery that an Invasion was designed. That the late King *James* had his Officers ready both in *England* and *Scotland*, and that the Invasion would be certainly some time in the Spring, and possibly sooner than was apprehended.

To show too that *Payne* was in use to borrow such Names as *Aunt Mowet*, *Cousen*, or *Brother*, &c. There follows the beginning of a Letter of his written by his own Hand, and in all Appearance to *Madam Smith*, for the Letter was found amongst her Papers, it's dated the 26th of *February* last.

Dear Madam,

I Had nothing to add, so only writ one Letter per Carrier last Week, and in the enclosed to my Neice, you will perceive my Thoughts of Mrs. *Mowets* Father should they not be your or hers, however send them forward, for they are easily amended by her Letters to my *Aunt* then

(a) The the Omission would be to my (a) *Cousen*, whom
 lateKing. it imports to know Matter of Fact truly, in so
 considerable a Suit as his is. And for my own
 part, I hardly believe that generous L. L. makes
 so right a guesse at the Designs of that Man as
 his Daughter doth ; I wish I may be deceived, &c.
 What is more is private Business.

The Letters D. and E. that follow were taken
 and came to the Secretaries hand in the same man-
 ner with the former Letter A. B. C. They were
 under a Cover, dated the 30th of *December*, and
 written at *London*, directed to *Monsieur Vincent*
Nerieux as the other Cover, but under to *Mr. Ro-*
bert's. The Covert is signed *Mary Brown*, and
 written by the same Hand with the former Cover ;
 There is nothing more material in the Cover, I
 have not heard from you, say she, these two
 Mails, but this came to my Hand to Night, &c.--
 to Night, the 30th of *December*, that is, on a *Friday*,
 the day on which the Post arrives from *Scotland*
 and goes for *Holland*.

The enclosed Letter D. is directed for *Mrs. Lit-*
tle, and dated the 25th of *December*, the day after
 the Post day at *Edinburgh*, as has been observed,
 and written by the same Hand with that of
 Letter B.

D.

December 25th.

I Had a (a) Letter half from you and half David as I take it, tho written with your own Hand. I sent (b) Douglas his from David, and am much obliged for my own. I have perfectly cured the Disease between Balfour and little John, and shall work on till I find the bottom of my (c) Consens Affairs. I fancy I shall meet with things as I would wish, but I wonder I hear not offer from you, Mr. (d) Courtney writ to Mr. Tate, so did my Patient and her Son. I'm surprized there should be no Return, 'twill discourage the like Practice, and I can assure you Courtney is troubled at it, and with Reason, for he is both considerable and has (e) suffered much; so pray consider this, for the Example is of importance: as for my self I am over-whelmed with Grief for the loss of poor Mrs. (f) Gypps, to whose Family I owe so much. I have writ several to David, and one to Mr. Tate since I came here.

(a) It seems Mrs. Little is my Lady Melfort, and that she writ the whole Letter, to which this is an Answer, but that David her Husband dictated the half of it.

(b) Douglas seems to be Payne, see the beginning of the Letter A.

(c) The late King, the same with Brother in Payne's Letter, to Aunt, and with Cousin in his other Letter to Madam Smith.

(d) A Earl well known.

(e) He has been sometime in Prison.

(f) Probably an Earl who died much about the time of this Letter.

(g) The reason of the Complaints here and elsewhere, that Answers came not, seems to be *Mogil, Melfort's* Page his slowness, who was long on his way from *Paris* with a great number of Letters.

I (g) beg where I make any Demand in mine, I may have either a condescending or a refusing Answer. Pray let me know how my Undertakings are relish'd, and how I stand with my Couzen; my Service to *Balby*. I am yours, *Gray*.

I wish you a merry Christmas.

The Leter E. enclosed in the Letter D. was directed for Mr. *Ford*, and of the same Date and Hand-writing. The Secretary declared that he had seen Letters signed *David Ford*, written by my Lord *Melfort's* own Hand.

E.

December 25th.

(a) *Gray* the Writer, as hath been said, seems to be in the North of *England*, and therefore upon the Receipt of *Melfort's* Letter for *Balfour*, was obliged to send an Express to *Balfour*, who lives in *Scotland*.

(b) *Pain*, *Mower* and little *John*.

(c) *Pain* lasting Concurrence.

(d) *Pain* your Brothers Service.

I Had yours for *James Balfour* and (a) sent it express to him, when the Return is made you shall have it with all imaginable Care. I have, I thank *God*, perfectly cemented the Difference between *Balfour* (b) and little *John*, having both their Engagements solemnly made mutually and with a joint (c) Concurrence to (d) serve my Cousen, to the last

last (e) Penny of their Stock, and their Opinions and Demands under their Hands, which I thought the surest way of dealing: I (f) thank God your Estate in these Parts is in very good condition, and the (g) Generality of all that have Stock, or dare any way venture, are resolved to join you, so that (h) Trade is in a fair way of succeeding here. I have now at this time a Messenger with James Balfour, after whose return I shall make little stay in these Parts, you shall know by me what you may rely on, where the (i) Money shall be raised, and who the chief Pay-masters, which is all I can do.

I wonder you do not make Returns to Courtney, my Patient and her Son, since they are considerable enough to deserve it, for God's sake give no cause of Disgust, but let the Labourers be encouraged, since a bare acknowledgment of their Service will do it.

A (k) Correspondence is desired from hence with Bristol, and 'tis left to my management to settle, 'tis of too great Importance for me to take upon me; therefore I humbly desire your Advice and my Cousen's Orders, whom I shall trust with it at that place, and to whose Hands it shall be committed.

(e) Last drop of their Blood.

(f) Pain, all things here are in perfect order.

(g) Of Men of Interest or Courage.

(h) An Invasion. Pain Trial.

(i) The Cant is Trade Money, and Pay-masters is Men and Officers.

(k) Correspondence betwixt London and the North.

(l) It's plain he had been in Scotland. I was (l) received by James Balfour and little John with all the Demonstrations of Friendship possible, placing an entire Trust in me as to the Managements of my Cousens Affairs, and by all their Adherents, they express a very great sense of your past Services, and Ability to serve my

(m) This as well as his Stile shows he is no Scotch-man. Cousen in the future: But you (m) know the Humours of that Country-People better than I.

Let me hear from you if you please, how I shall proceed at my return to Bristol, I dare not appear here for their Creditors; for those that arrested my Father, lie still in wait for me. My humble Duty to my Cousen and his incomparable Lady, and let them know I shall never fail to serve them with my Life and Fortune. Sir, I am very much your Servant, and sensible of the Favours you have done me. *Adieu.*

The Secretary declared in Parliament, that he was obliged at London to restore the Originals of the Letters D. and E. but that he was ready to attest upon Oath, that the Copies produced were true Copies of the Letters shown to him as Originals, and which he indeed believed to be Originals. And for a Confirmation of the Truth both of the Originals and Copies of the Letters D. E. he offered to have the following Matter of Fact verified

verified upon Oath by the Persons concerned who had indeed been examined by the Committee.

The Matter of Fact is this; Upon Information given at *Edinburgh* in *December* last, that one Captain *Maire*, who has lived for the most part in *England*, was going thither upon some unaccountable Design, four Officers were privately ordered to catch him, and search him for Letters; which they accordingly did, on the 26th of *December*, seising on him not far from the Borders: They found on him only one Letter, which they read, and finding nothing in it but as they imagined about *Trade*, they neither kept him, nor it. But it's plain that this was the Answer which *Gray's* Express was to bring from *Balfour*, and consequently the Answer to my Lord *Melfort's* Letter which *Gray* had received and sent to *Balfour*, and which Answer *Gray* says should be sent to *Melfort* with all imaginable Care: For the Letter which the Officers read was signed *Balfour*, and directed to *Gray*, as they owned at their Return to *Edinburgh* before they or any other could know the Import of their Error, and which they now owned again to the Committee. The Time too quadrats. *Gray* says on the

25th of December that he had sent an Express to Balfour, which possibly he had sent the day before, or sooner, or only the same day; but at which time soever he sent the Express it's no matter, he says expressly in his Letter of the 25th, *I have now at this time a Messenger with James Balfour*; so the Answer might well be found with a Bearer on the 26th, which is confirmed too by the Character of *Maire*, who has now fled for it.

To all this it is added, that it can be made appear by other Proofs than those here mentioned, that there was a Design in the *North* this Winter. That one was sent from the *late King* to manage and carry on that Design. That his *Instructions* were consulted and concerted by those about the *late King* and the *French Ministry*: That my Lord *Melfort* was the Original Procurer of these *Instructions*. That the Nature of the Design, and the Character of the Person employed, were of a peece, that is, *equally bad*; that the Person employed did actually come to the *North*. That he is an *English Man*, that he returned to *London* in the Spring, and in all probability will be found where ever the Reconciler *Gray* is to be found.

*Additions for clearing some Particulars in the
preceding Letters.*

AN Original Letter from Mr. Payne to
Mrs. Smith, directed thus. May 19, 1692.
*For the ever, by me Honoured, Dear Mrs. Elizabeth
Smith. And sealed with his own Seal, and carrying a Token of Paynes own Hair inclosed.*

Dear Madam, F. 19 May, 1692.

I Write this my last Letter perhaps with a
Paper with my own flying Seal to it; keep
them together as a *Memorandum* from,

Your humble Servant,

Hen. Payne.

Dear Madam, 29 May, 1692.

Afflict not your self for me, I am in the
Providence of GOD be where I will.
Keep the last and this Note of mine, tho I die be-
fore I see you, for I must confess I never knew so
fast and true a Friend as your self to my *Master*,
and to me, for his sake: And should L. L.
Mrs. Mowet, and all the rest of our *Friends* forget
it,

it, which I am almost perswaded they can never do; yet my dear *Master* and *Mrs.* will upon sight of you by my *Aunt*, who will be easily found out, and this Note, esteem and reward you and yours for your Charity; I know they will in spight of Envy: And should my *Nephew* forget all the Charity and Good you have shewed to me, and not take more Pains for you than himself, I shall wish all Friendship from GOD and Man may fail him in his greatest Distress. My Service to *Bailie Chancellour*. I am sure on extream occasions he will supply me with some Guinies; for he said in a Note of his, he had told Doctor *Mc Gie* so. My Love, Duty and Service too to you, your good *Sister*, *Brother*, my little *Wife*, *James*, *Archibald*, *Mrs. Ann* and *Mrs. Lillas*; as also to your good *Man*, unknown, or any other I have forgot, is all I have time to say, perhaps in these my last Lines: Tho I do not despair neither to prove my self as true a Friend as ever was born before I die, being obliged to be so, if living; and if dead, GOD witness against their Falshood, that pretend to be my Friends now that are not, so when I am no more *Henry Payne* to you and yours. My Service to *Lady Lockhart*, whom I so esteem that it troubles me have not answered her last Letter, with a thousand Thanks for the Favours

Favours of it, beg her to believe one of my greatest Afflictions is to lose the opportunity of her Favours, but my *Prayers* and good *Wishes* shall for ever attend her and hers. Oh GOD! Thoughts oppress me, and I could with a great deal of Joy and Good-will remember many more, but have not time; yet the honest Captain *Mair*, *Patton*, Mrs. *Hamiltoun* and *Family*; *Mathew* of the same Name, must not be but saluted as great Obligers of me: As to *C. Mairs*, tell him I hope he will revenge my Quarrel upon some of the *Blades*, and be as great a Man by that and other his *Vertues*, as he desires and truly merits. Tell Lord *Balcaskie* I wonder he forgot where he had placed so many Obligations, but I wish both him and his well. To Mr. *Robert Blackwood* my Service, and a thousand Thanks, tho that is not the Payment he shall have if I live, but he, as all others, must trust me at this time. The Alarm comes stronger and stronger; so, good Madam, forgive my haste, and present my faithful Service to the *Governour's Lady* and Daughter, thanking them for all Charities; I beg they would take into their Custody all my things that are not theirs, or other Peoples, and to keep the *Table*, *Stands*, *Glass* and *Cabbinet*, as a *Memorandum* of Gratitude for all their Charities, more I need not say there: Spare no Money or Charges to let me hear from you as often as may be, for that will be my only Comfort. My Service to Madam *Mowet*, and to the excellent L. L. tell them I am no more troubled at this, than another would be at losing a *Bodle*, except it be because I cannot frequently know how they and other Friends do. To all the Sufferers for me I beg my Service and true Friendship may be presented: For had they not been my Friends, they had never been suspected for the Trick has been put upon me; and being so, no Mishap shall

shall ever make me be ungrateful for the Kindness design'd to theirs and

Your humble Servant.

Follows the Beginning of another Original Letter from Mr. *Payne* to Mrs. *Smith*, dated the 29th of December, 1692.

Dear Madam,

G.

I Wish with all my Heart there were proper Words in the World, or that I had them at least to express the Gratitude I owe to your *Ladiship*, for the boundless Friendship you so constantly express to me a poor miserable Stranger, so persecuted, that if God had not raised me such a charitable Friend as your self, must have languish'd in this unprecedented Restraint, without knowing how to cry for Help, and have been heard, except by that God himself, who has inspired you with so much Charity as thus to be concerned for me. May it be His blessed Will that I may live to shew, I would be sufficiently Grateful if I could: And in the mean time accept my worthless, tho hearty Thanks for all their Favours, and most particularly, for giving Mr. *James Smith* these too frequent Troubles; he can inform you fully of my present Condition: And by him I have sent an Order for paying the next or any other Money may be sent for me to your *Ladiship*, having also received by him from you Twenty Dollers.

Follows another Original Letter of Mr. *Paynes*, wherein three several times the word *Write* is spelled *Wright*.

Honoured

Honoured Maſam,

H.

I Have had two *Biles* broke out upon me, on each Wreſt one; and either they occaſioned a Feaver, or a Feaver occaſioned them; ſo that it was impoſſible for me to put Pen to Paper the laſt Week: But now, I thank God, I much better, tho it is very painful to me to *Wright*: I had your good Cheece, and all you ſent *per Carrier* ſafe; and muſt deſire you to ſend me five Pounds in by him this time: I wiſh too you would be ſo kind to ſee the Governour from me, and thank him for all his Favours which indeed are many: He promiſed to ſpeak to Mr. *Johnſtone* from me; and as he finds him, I ſhall *Wright*, or not *Wright* to him. For I have all my Life-time avoided making Court to no purpoſe: Therefore beg you would by any means get the *Secretary* inquired into, how he is inſtructed concerning me: As alſo take Advice, whether I ſhould apply to Parliament or no. I proteſt I can hardly hold my Pen to thank you for all Favours; and to preſent my Service to all Friends, therefore pardon me that I abruptly am forced to ſay,

*Dear Madam, adieu.**Letter from the Lady Largo, 4 May, 1693.*

*P*ayn's Letters is like to bring Trouble to ſeverals, the poor Woman that took care of him is like to ſuffer ſeverely, ſhe is forced to flee. I fear *Coats* Trouble will be unavoidable, tho it's brav'd out as yet - - -

Another

Another of hers, 9 May 1693.

NOW to come to your own private Concerns, I believe your Man *Coats* will be imprisoned for his Bills, there's uncustomed Goods that will break him, and he cannot go out of the way since all the Partners would suffer: so he must appear every day on the Change, but God knows the Disquiet he suffers; for tho they do not yet know the Goods to be his, yet being in their Hands, it's certain they will know: And be the worse, he will not write to his Factor, for all Letters are opened, and that may hazard the breaking of his Credit: But he begged that I might tell Mr. *Best* his Condition, that so he might inform and advise -----

Letter from London, taken upon the Lady Largo's Women, dated 9 May, 1693.-----

I Am informed the Duke of *Gordon* is an Enemy to *David*, and speaks meanly of our Relation, which I am unwilling to believe -----

The Differences betwixt the Duke of *Gordon* and my Lord *Melfort*, and how ill satisfied he is with the Usage he met with from the late King, is well known.

Payne in his Treatise in Answer to *King's Book*, written with his own Hand, and seised in his Chamber, speaking of Sir *Philem-O-Neal*, says, a blacker and more hellish *Sole* never animated a Human Body -----

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